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INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO.1210

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DATE: January 18, 2013

TO: Iowa Medicaid Hospitals, Physicians and Advanced Registered Nurse

Practitioners

From: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: IowaCare Updates

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

lowaCare is a federally authorized waiver that provides limited medical care coverage for low-income adults, ages 19-64, who otherwise do not qualify for Medicaid.

The IowaCare provider network is currently supported by Broadlawns Medical Center, the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics (UIHC) and a network of federally qualified health care centers (FQHCs) operating as medical homes. Coordinated care is provided through the medical home model and members are assigned to a participating provider based on their county of residence.

Major covered services include inpatient and outpatient hospital, physician services and preventive physicals. Other services include a limited prescription drug benefit upon discharge from an inpatient hospital stay, limited dental services and smoking cessation. Not all services are available from, or covered by, every lowaCare provider.

This letter provides updates on several changes in the lowaCare program.

- November 1, 2012 the provider network was expanded to include three additional clinics for Native American members; 1) the Meskwaki Tribal Health Center in Tama, IA 2) the Winnebago Hospital in Winnebago, NE, and 3) the Fred Leroy Health and Wellness Center, Omaha, NE. Native American IowaCare members will continue to be assigned to a regional medical home based on county of residence, but will also have the option of receiving care at a participating Indian Health Center. Hospital and specialty services must be provided by a participating IowaCare hospital.
- January 1, 2013 laboratory and radiology providers that partnered with the FQHC Medical Homes to serve lowaCare members will no longer be able to directly bill the IME for services rendered to lowaCare members. The affected laboratory and radiology providers have been "end-dated" with lowaCare effective January 1, 2013.

- <u>January 1, 2013</u> the lowaCare medical home regional map has been updated to reflect medical home reassignments for members in the seven counties identified below. A copy of the updated map is included with this Informational Letter.
 - o <u>lowaCare members in the following counties have been reassigned to Primary</u> Healthcare in Marshalltown.
 - Cerro Gordo
 - Hancock
 - Winnebago
 - Worth
 - Franklin
 - o <u>lowaCare members in the following counties have been reassigned to Peoples</u> Community Health Center, Butler County Site.
 - Mitchell
 - Floyd

The IME appreciates your continued partnership as we work towards offering much needed services to all lowans. If you have any questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, or locally in Des Moines at 515-256-4609 or by email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.

